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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The District Magistrate came to a conclusion and the Government differed from his conclusion."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Having regard to the fact that Government are prepared to differ from the conclusions of the District Magistrate, may I know why they have not done so in the case of the other accused, Paripudi Rama Mohan Rao of Cocanada ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because there was no material on which the Government could differ."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" So, there is no material for recommending that man to be placed in the ' B ' class ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, there is no material."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know whether on that basis Government could not revise the classification of these prisoners ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" In that particular case Government agreed with the opinion of the District Magistrate."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Does that mean that apart from the District Magistrate's enquiry, the Government have got another agency, which gives opinion as to the status and position of persons ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Then how is it that Government come to conclusions different from the Magistrate, on the materials furnished by the District Magistrate ? "

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*e*), namely, that the District Magistrate recommended that these two persons should be placed in class ' B,' I want to know what the materials are which made the Government differ from the District Magistrate and place them in class ' C ' ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Materials which led Government to believe that the men were not accustomed to a higher standard of living."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the District Magistrate made no reference to their previous status when he recommended the ' B ' class to them ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" He did."

Satyagraha prisoners in Cannanore Jail.

* 197-D Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Satyagraha prisoners in Cannanore Jail in 1930 ;
(*b*) how many of them were convicted for a year and over ;

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(c) whether finger prints were taken from them before trial under Act 33 of 1920, and if so, where and when;

(d) whether finger prints were again sought to be taken from them after conviction, and if so, where;

(e) under whose orders such finger prints were sought to be taken;

(f) whether they were convicted of refusing to give finger prints and if so, by what Magistrate;

(g) whether the Inspector-General of Police issued any order regarding the prosecution of such convicted prisoners; and

(h) whether such orders of the Inspector-General were sanctioned by the Government and, if so, when?

A.—(a) to (c) If the hon. Member will specify a particular date in the year, attempt will be made to obtain the information.

(d) to (h) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to questions Nos. 105 and 187-B. The thirty-one convicts who refused to allow their finger prints to be taken were convicted by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Chirakal.

Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar :—"May I know whether Government are consulted before orders are passed by the magistrates?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Government are not consulted and it is left entirely to the discretion of the magistrates."

Number of prisoners released from the Cannanore Jail in 1929 *on medical grounds.*

• 197-E Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of civil prisoners who have been released from the Cannanore Central Jail on medical recommendation in 1929 and this year?

A.—One in each year.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—"Has the Government made any solemn resolution to release only one prisoner every year irrespective of the merits of individual cases?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I am afraid that my hon. Friend has not read either the question or the answer. The question is 'Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of civil prisoners who have been released from the Cannanore Central Jail on medical recommendation in 1929 and this year?' The answer to that is 'One in each year.' That means that on medical grounds one civil prisoner was released each year."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—"I ask this question because the answer clearly says 'One in each year.' I want to know whether Government has made any solemn resolution to release one every year irrespective of the merits of individual cases?"